

VERMONT NEWS

A four-year agreement to expire March 31, 1920, has been signed by Supt. W. C. Clifford of the Woodbury Granite Co. and the members of the committee of the Granite Cutters' Union representing the local branch at Bethel. The expiration is a year later than that of the Barre granite belt, Hardwick, and others.

Deputy Sheriff's Pascal Ricci and D. A. Barker of Rutland went last week to Philadelphia to bring back Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gruppo and Nunzio Massaro, wanted in connection with the death, March 8, of Domenico Ragosto, an Italian woodchopper, in the attic tenement on Meadow street occupied by the Gruppo. The arrest of the trio in Philadelphia was the result of a search extending over three states. Warrants charging the couple with murder were issued after the finding of the body in the deserted tenement under circumstances which gave rise to suspicions of foul play. A theory that the man's death was due to poison was abandoned when an examination of the victim's stomach and other organs showed that the man probably had died a natural death. State's Attorney C. V. Poulin was convinced, however, that the Gruppo and Massaro had guilty knowledge of the affair. His conclusions were based principally on the fact that Ragosto was known to have had a considerable sum of money in his possession shortly before his death and on the suspicious circumstance that the persons arrested mysteriously disappeared prior to the finding of the body.

Ansel Kelsey of Middlebury, aged 68 years, killed himself with a shot gun March 29, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. K. J. Piper. Mr. Kelsey was a prosperous farmer and a long-time resident of Salisbury. Despondency is thought to have prompted his act.

Bellows Falls has a new industry in Lustberg, Nast & Co., of New York city, one of the largest manufacturers of dress shirts for the jobbing trade in the country, who have leased a building with the option of purchase at the end of a year and have announced that they want 100 girls to begin work as soon as possible.

A Northfield club, composed of young ladies, has taken the initiative for raising money to maintain a public playground in Northfield this summer. It is their idea to secure a piece of land suitable for a ball ground, at so much equipment as they can obtain, which might be moved to the school grounds for the school year, and then in winter to flood the tract of land for a skating rink.

Mrs. Halleck Rowell, aged about 50 years, took her life, March 27, at her home in East Dorset, shooting herself in the head with a shotgun. Mrs. Rowell had suffered apoplectic shocks during the past two years, and it is supposed she killed herself when she was demented. She is survived by her husband and three children.

A loss amounting to nearly \$20,000 was caused by fire March 27, which destroyed the house and barn on the farm near East Montpelier,

only partially covered by insurance. The fire started in the barn and obtained great headway as most of the men were at work in the sugar orchard, some distance from the main building. Neighbors hurried to the assistance of Mr. Milham and his employees and succeeded in saving all of the live stock, including 100 head of cattle, farm implements and furniture.

The poem, "That's Where Vermont Comes In," by Charles H. Darling, of Burlington, has been set to music at the request of the chairman of the music department of the Federation of Women's Clubs, by Mrs. Florence Wood Russell, for use at the May meeting of Federated clubs in the Hippodrome, New York city. All the states were invited to send songs, and Mr. Darling's verses have been published by C. W. Thompson & Co. of Boston.

Dennis E. Tasker of St. Albans, the veteran poultry judge, has announced the result of his work as election commissioner of the Vermont Poultry Breeders' Association. It showed the election of these officers: President, A. B. Wheeler of St. Albans; vice-president, C. A. Revolt of St. Albans; secretary, W. G. Freeman of Bellows Falls; treasurer, E. H. Hemlinway of Manchester; members of the executive board for two years, C. L. Curtis of St. Albans, N. L. Divoll of Bellows Falls, R. H. Peck of West Rutland; members of the executive board for one year, F. F. Gray of Townsend, P. C. St. Croix of Bellows Falls, W. B. Scott of Barre.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Merriam in Ludlow was the scene of a distressing occurrence last Saturday afternoon, when their youngest son, Verne Edward, about two and a half years, was so badly burned about the upper part of his body, breast, neck, back and face, that he died the next evening. It appears that Mrs. Merriam had stepped out of the house for a few minutes and that while she was absent the child mentioned and a brother some four years old got hold of matches, and the older boy came running out to tell his mother that the baby was all afire.

A derrick had to be used to lift a Canadian Pacific railroad engine off the mangled body of W. A. Mountain, a brakeman who was struck and killed by the engine at Richford, Mar. 14. He tried to cross the track back of the engine and was run over. He was 40 years old and leaves his wife and parents in Canada.

A Col. Ira L. Reeves, colonel of the 1st regiment, V. N. G., says that the regiment could mobilize ready for service on the Mexican border within 24 hours. Besides the 1st regiment, which today is well recruited, Vermont could send a well organized and equipped hospital corps and a squadron of cavalry.

The store and public hall, and the dwelling house of Nicholas LaSasso and the moving picture place of Odelle G. Gilbert of Westerville were destroyed by fire Mar. 12. It is thought that the aggregate losses will be about \$9,000. There were plenty of people to fight the fire, but few facilities. Barre sent help.

Theodore Beaudry of Rutland has

brought a divorce suit against his wife, Nellie Beaudry, claiming that he is afraid to live with her, because she has thrown knives at him and has slept with an axe under her pillow.

Thomas J. Deavitt of Montpelier died Mar. 14. Mr. Deavitt was one of the best known lawyers in the state and at one time had the largest practice of any lawyer in New England in pressing pension claims. He was born in Richmond, Feb. 17, 1840, read law with Hon. Paul Dillingham at Waterbury and practiced at Moretown until 1875 when he moved to Montpelier. While living in Moretown he was chosen a delegate to the constitutional convention of 1870 and was one of the six survivors of that convention. The others are Chief Justice Loveland Munson of Manchester, Colonel Edward B. Sawyer of Hyde Park, George H. Crandall of Berlin, Dr. George V. Miles of Hinesburg and Salmon Green of Richmond. Mr. Deavitt was also interested in many business corporations in Montpelier. He is survived by five children, a brother and four sisters.

Burlington will entertain the Grand Lodge, N. E. O. P., on Apr. 17 and 18 with a public reception on Monday evening. Tuesday will be devoted to the sessions of the Grand Lodge, Henry Filmore of Bennington, grand warden, in the chair. Between 75 and 100 delegates are expected.

Annual G. A. R. Encampment.

The forty-ninth annual encampment of the department of Vermont G. A. R., will be held in Burlington, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19.

The formal opening of the encampment will be in City hall, Tuesday, April 18, at 10 o'clock. Headquarters will be established at the Van Ness, Monday, April 17, at 7 o'clock p. m. The council of administration will meet at headquarters, Monday evening at 7:30, to audit the account of the assistant quartermaster-general. Assistant adjutant-general, C. D. Williams, J. M. Safford and C. Houghton, post No. 2, and Edward Baker, post No. 13, will constitute the committee on credentials to prepare the roll of the encampment. Representatives and members of the encampment are requested to report on arrival promptly to this committee, so that the roll may be made as complete as possible.

Commander-in-chief E. R. Monfort and other prominent members of the G. A. R. are expected to be present. A reception will be given by the officers of the Women's Relief and Aid society of Vermont to the national and department officers and comrades of the G. A. R., Spanish war veterans, Sons of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., and their auxiliaries and citizens, Monday evening, April 17, at the Van Ness house.

A campfire will be held Tuesday evening, under the auspices of Standard post, No. 2, to which the public is invited.

Museum Notes.

The birds know a good boarding place. A number of generous friends in St. Johnsbury have been discovered by them this winter, among them Miss Mabel E. Stevens of Pine street. Six different species, the chickadee, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, white-breasted nuthatch, red-breasted nuthatch and brown creeper have enjoyed four meals a day at her table all winter. When the nights have been cold she has prepared a full saucer of chopped English walnut meats for their breakfast in addition to the usual sundew seeds of which she has used 55 pounds this season.

A flock of 10 tree sparrows arrived on Feb. 26. She writes as follows of them: "I began feeding them at once and they are all still contented and happy, and paying for their board with sweet songs from morning till night. Breakfast is served between five and six in the morning and at all hours till the dark. Their table is an old tin tray at the root of a tree. Their food is oatmeal, potatoes, crumbs and seeds. Their table manners are poor for they often fight and scatter the food in all directions. The little goldfinches come often to take lunch with them."

COULD HARDLY DO HER WORK. Housework is trying on health and strength. Women are as much inclined to kidney and bladder trouble as men. Symptoms of aching back, stiff joints, and sore points, blurred vision, are all signs of kidney trouble. It should be given prompt attention before they lead to chronic or more serious ailments. Mrs. George Hauck, 955 Pearl St., Benton Harbor, Mich., writes: "I was awful bad, with such pain I could hardly do my work, and I am very thankful for Foley Kidney Pills." C. C. BINGHAM.

The retirement of Mr. Harpham brings out clearly and forcibly the solid and extremely valuable service rendered this company. Due appreciation of what Mr. Harpham has done, and of which the public has no adequate conception, has been given. Fairbanks, Morse & Co., having several large plants and manufacturing facilities, that they wish to make common with all the plants, have men that can be transferred from time to time. This cooperation between the various plants is bound to result in very great economic advantages to the St. Johnsbury plant. Mr. Rathbun comes into the organization to succeed Mr. Harpham in the cost accounting department.

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C. H. Morse, The Founder. In all the above no mention has been made of the part that C. H. Morse, the founder of the business conducted by Fairbanks, Morse & Co., has had and his relation to the stock of this company. Mr. Morse was born in St. Johnsbury and has always had a deep interest in the town as recognized by many gifts that he has made from time to time. He has taken a deep interest in the institutional life of the town, having placed in the hands of trustees a sum, the income of which goes toward the support and maintenance of the Congregational church at St. Johnsbury Center. He has also contributed toward the fund that was raised some years since for the Academy. He has also taken an interest in the St. Johnsbury Hotel company, and in many other ways that it will not be necessary to mention now, he has given evidence of his interest in the town of his birth.

It is mainly for the reason that he recognized the town in which he was born and the business where he first started out in life to earn a living, that has led him always to have a great interest in the scale industry here at St. Johnsbury. It is for this reason that when this question of Fairbanks, Morse & Co., purchasing the stock of E. and T. Fairbanks and Company was taken up that he was interested to do a great deal more than any other person or corporation would have considered. The offer that was made has been universally considered a remarkable fair one, and this has been a large share in bringing about the happy and successful con-

FAIRBANKS CHANGES

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problems, his unquestioned ability, and his unusual capacity to make, keep and utilize strong business friendships and the resulting connections. Mr. Fuller is president of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Company, and vice president and in charge of the house of Fairbanks, Morse & Co., with headquarters in New York city.

Mr. Thomas McMillan has long been associated with Mr. Fuller in the Canadian business, and is vice-president and secretary of The Canadian Fairbanks-Morse Company, Limited.

W. S. Hovey has had a large part in the success of Fairbanks, Morse & Co. as factory manager, having been at their Three Rivers, Mich., plant, and now in charge of operations at their large plant at Beloit, Wis. He will be of great assistance in bringing the results of his wide and successful experience for use at the St. Johnsbury plant.

Newly Elected Officers.

At the meeting of the directors of this company the organization was completed as follows:

President, Frank H. Brooks; vice-president, C. H. Morse, Jr.; secretary, John C. Clark; treasurer, Fred C. Johnson; superintendent, J. H. Ashcraft; superintendent, A. E. Ashcraft; factory accountant, C. B. Rathbun.

J. C. Clark is made secretary and assistant to the president.

Mr. Beck succeeds Mr. Clark as treasurer after many years of familiar work with the company as a loyal assistant to the treasurer.

Mr. Bousfield's New Work.

Mr. Bousfield, with his remarkable engineering ability, hereafter will devote his entire time to engineering problems, and their relation to the factory and selling department. Mr. Bousfield will thus have time for a great work in its relation to new designs and types and the cultivation of a thorough understanding between the factory and selling house representatives. This will require considerable time away from the factory, and the enlargement of the field in which Mr. Bousfield's work will be conducted is a just recognition of his very great ability as an engineer.

The New Superintendent.

Mr. A. E. Ashcraft, after 12 years of successful effort at the Beloit plant, has been appointed to the office of superintendent, in charge of all factory operations. He has had an unusual technical and practical training, and his tactful, thorough and successful handling of factory problems at Beloit is an indication that he will bring to his position here practical ideas and that they will be worked out in such manner as to bring justice and good results to employer and employee alike.

C. B. Rathbun succeeds Mr. Harpham in the work of factory accounting. His 19 years work in the organization of the plant at Beloit is a forerunner and pretty sure guarantee that the highly important task of ascertaining costs will be handled in the most satisfactory manner. Both Messrs. Ashcraft and Rathbun will move their families to St. Johnsbury at an early date and enter heartily into the community life and activities of the town.

The Retirements.

A word of appreciation in behalf of the retiring directors is hereby expressed. The transfer of the control of this company to new interests necessarily meant that changes must be made. The change in the make-up of the board simply recognizes the control that the changed ownership of stock requires, and the new board recognized the faithful service rendered by the retiring directors by placing on record a vote of the heartiest appreciation.

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summation of the exchange that has been made.

At a meeting of the representatives of the factory and Chicago the following telegram was sent to Mr. Morse as the unanimous feeling of all present:

"Recognizing your honesty, stability of purpose, devotion, long and faithful service, and the definite bearing all these have had in building up both corporations and binding them together with cords stronger than mere business results could accomplish, the representatives of field and factory join heartily in best wishes and deep appreciation. A high resolve to safeguard, strengthen, and continue all that you have helped establish and still are keenly interested in, has been made by us this day. Because of all that you have done, and are yet accomplishing, you inspire confidence, determination, and efforts that we hope will be crowned with success to all concerned."

Fairbanks, Morse & Co.

E. and T. Fairbanks and Co.

It is because of a sentiment like this that Mr. Morse has been successful and that he is interested to see the greatest success of the plant here at St. Johnsbury. The confidence with which the present management is taking hold of the affairs of this company is undoubtedly inspired by the fact of Mr. Morse's long association with the business, and that sharing with him that desire, all will work together in the best results to St. Johnsbury and the increasing of the renown and reputation that the Fairbanks Scale has always enjoyed. The present plans that are being made are the strongest kind of assurance that increased prestige and honor are in store for the Fairbanks scale.

EAST BURKE

I. M. Hunter Gave The First Sugar Party Last Saturday—Personal.

(Mrs. B. F. Humphrey, Correspondent.)

I. M. Hunter was the first to give a sugar party, inviting about 30 neighbors to his sugar camp Saturday afternoon.

J. C. Lucia was a business visitor in St. Johnsbury Wednesday.

E. J. Humphrey, Jr., of the home garden class, has 10 nice Plymouth Rock chickens, a week old last Sunday.

Glen Streeter has finished work on Bemis Hill and is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Streeter.

Mr. I. A. Rose is better and out some. Fred Farnum is out from his illness.

Renelle Leach is working at Mountain View farm.

Ed Harris suffered a shock Sunday night and is in a critical condition.

Mildred Vance is working for Mrs. Ira Hunter.

Blod. F. Humphrey was in Barton Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. Murkland.

Cora Phillips, Mike Sullivan, Harvey Horner and Mrs. Harris Jenkins are sick with the prevailing distemper.

Miss Edna Hill, who has been in New York for several months, returned home Wednesday and with Cora Fraser has moved back to their home here.

Mrs. Guyette from Lyndon Center spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. Sentarbar.

Bert Ainger is much better and able to be out again.

Mrs. F. E. McDonald was in St. Johnsbury and Concord Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Addie Godding is spending some time in Barton with Mrs. John Murkland.

Charles E. Freeto was home from St. Johnsbury for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis visited at L. J. Hall's in Lyndon Monday.

Lorenzo Colby is very sick. George Mathers is working for him.

Charles Peary from East Haven is working for Charles Gero through sugaring.

Roger Jenkins is working for John McNally for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gorham were in St. Johnsbury Thursday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Amidon.

Perley Davis spent the past week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hall, in Lyndon Corner.

Wesley Farmer and daughter, Miss Addie, from Jamaica Plain are visiting in Barton.

Miss Marjorie Root is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Leach, in Kirby.

Miss Ellen Jeffrey is sick.

Ernest Mathers went to Montreal Thursday where he has accepted a position.

Solon Walter has sold his farm to R. H. Burdett.

Miss Ethel Stanley is visiting relatives in Bradford.

O. C. Woodruff from West Burke spent Thursday at J. D. Lawton's.

Grover Allard has moved his family into the tenement over Fred Green's.

Alvin Wilson was a business visitor in Lyndon Saturday.

The Ladies Aid from the M. E. church met this Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Isaiah Mathers.

SOME MORE VERMONT FIRSTS

Vermont leads the world in—

The Manufacture of Scales.

The Manufacture of Wire Screens.

The Manufacture of Shoddy.

The Manufacture of Maple Sugar Tools.

The Manufacture of Granite and Marble Machinery.

The Manufacture of Silos.

The Manufacture of Children's Wash Clothes.

The Handling of Green Calf Skins.

The Manufacture of Soapstone Products.

The Manufacture of Dyes for But-

ter.

Vermont leads the United States in—

The Production of Marble.

The Production of Granite.

The Production of Asbestos.

The Production of Pipe Organs.

The Production of Portable Ovens.

The Production of Stereopticons.

The Production of Butter per capita.

The Production of Maple Sugar.

Vermont was the FIRST state to establish a Normal School on the North American Continent.

Vermont was the FIRST State to forbid Slavery by Constitution.

Vermont was the FIRST State to provide by law for a complete system of education.—Burlington Clip-

Humble Beginnings Of Great Fortunes

Our prosperous citizens—those who receive a full measure of life's joys—have shaken off the fetters of drudgery through intelligent foresight and wise determination.

Success is not won in a day. Permanent prosperity is the culmination of right habits. It comes through constant effort.

The custom of regular saving is of first importance. Start a savings account. Add to it regularly. Follow the example of the prosperous.

Open an account here today.

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IN FAMILY FOR 124 YEARS

Farm Owned By F. E. Bickford In North Danville Settled By EH Bickford.

The story circulated in the state papers two weeks ago that the Whitehill family at North Ryegate has lived on the same farm for 118 years brings to light the fact that Frank E. Bickford of Danville can tell a better story yet, his family having lived on the farm he now occupies for 124 years or four generations of the same name. The first owner of the farm was Eli Bickford, born in 1754. After a career of adventure during which he was taken prisoner by the English and confined in prison for four years, Eli Bickford married at Deerfield, N. H., and in 1792 with his wife and four children and a party of others came to Danville where he cleared land and put up a log house. Before he completed the house he had a long illness, but his neighbors finished his house and he lived to rear a family of nine children. Eli Bickford often recalled seeing all the voters of Danville sitting on one log at town meeting. He passed away in 1856 at the age of 101 years and seven months.

At his death the homestead passed into the hands of his son, John, born in 1793. He married Maria Colby in 1823 and reared two sons and a daughter. One son, George became a farmer, the other, Joseph, succeeded his father on the farm and made a home for his parents and aged grandfather. In 1853 he built a new house and married Olive Clark of Cabot. They had two daughters, Laura, the late Mrs. Franklin, and Emma, Mrs. John F. Weeks of North Danville, and one son, Frank E. Bickford, the present owner of the farm.

BARNET

The Post Office In A New Location After 25 Years In The Gillfillan Store.

(Mrs. W. E. Kendall, Correspondent.)

The post office was moved Friday night from L. E. Gillfillan's store to the old Dick Johnston shop. The post office has been in the same place for over 25 years and people will hardly know where to go.

Eugene Willson finished work Saturday night for L. E. Gillfillan. He has worked in the store four years and will be greatly missed. He goes to work for Don Judkins in the electric power plant. He will also carry the mail to the six and seven o'clock trains.

Mrs. Ruth Gillfillan spent Friday in St. Johnsbury.

Mrs. Harvey Drew and daughter, Dorothy, from Monroe, N. H., were at Walter Kendall's Sunday.

The young people who attend school at Lyndon did not go back this week until Monday morning.

Dick Watts has purchased the Hillman Miles place and will move in about two weeks. It is nearly time for the spring moving of anywhere from 10 to 20 families.

A meeting of members of the different societies of the Sixth local union was held in the hotel parlor Saturday to arrange a program for the local union meeting to be held here in May.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Willson spent last Thursday in St. Johnsbury.

The farmers have begun sugaring but have not made much yet.

Miss Christina Hall from North Easton, Mass., is spending her Easter vacation with her mother, Mrs. Johanna Hall.

Doris Spafford from Orleans is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stoddard for a few days.

Master Chesley Stuart from Hardwick is visiting his cousins, Marjorie and Theodore Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kendall spent Wednesday in St. Johnsbury.

The address Sunday evening by Charles M. Ellinwood of Boston, on "The Modern Social Emphasis," was a splendid address and just what everyone should hear. Mr. and Mrs. Ellinwood are in charge of the Florence Crittendon home in Boston which is doing a wonderful work.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb attended the funeral of Mr. Lamb's sister, Mrs. Lydia Rodgers at West Derby, Wednesday. They spent the rest of the week visiting friends at Newport and Newport Center, returning home Saturday night.

Neal Morgan began Monday working for Martin Turner. The Monroe Grange will give their play entitled "The Old Oaken Bucket" at McIndoes April 7. Vivian Lowrey and Alexander Gilchrist from here take part in the play.

Dorcas Ayer went back to her school at the Lyndon Institute, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Field and son, James, visited Mrs. Field's mother, Mrs. Johanna Hall, a few days last week.

Eugene Willson finishes work for L. E. Gillfillan Friday night and begins work the first of April for Don Judkins in the electric light plant. Mr. Willson was a good accommodating clerk and will be much missed by a good many in the village. The post-office will be moved into the new place the first of April. Mrs. Charlotte Dow is postmistress.

Maude Douglass is spending part of the week at the home of her father, L. E. Gillfillan, Monday of this week. Benjamin Barrett is clerking in Gilchrist brothers' store.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Judkins spent Saturday in Haverhill, N. H.

Carroll Somers has gone to Orleans to work in a veneer mill.

Miss Hazel Kay visited Mrs. Lesley Frazer in Monroe, N. H., last Wednesday.

Miss Edythe Wallace visited friends in St. Johnsbury Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Blair spent the week with her daughter in West Lebanon.

Miss Nancy Blair of West Lebanon was home for the week-end.

Julia and Dick Cowen